

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) An umbrella mount adapted to hold an umbrella shaft and to be detachably mounted to a support shaft, the umbrella mount comprising:
 - a tube comprising a top end, ~~an~~ a substantially unobstructed cylindrical outer surface, an inner surface, and a bottom end, wherein said tube is defined by a length from said top end to said bottom end, an inner diameter, and an outer diameter, and wherein said tube defines a cylindrical cavity;
 - a top binder attached to said outer surface of said tube near said top end;
 - a bottom binder attached to said outer surface of said tube near said bottom end;
 - a support member positioned within said cylindrical cavity and adapted to obstruct a portion of said cylindrical cavity near said bottom end of said tube; and
 - a securing member positioned within said cylindrical cavity and adapted to adjustably obstruct a portion of said cylindrical cavity near said top binder.
2. (original) The umbrella mount of claim 1, wherein said top binder comprises a top cinch strap.

3. (original) The umbrella mount of claim 2, wherein said top cinch strap comprises a hook and loop fastener.
4. (original) The umbrella mount of claim 1, wherein said bottom binder comprises a bottom cinch strap.
5. (original) The umbrella mount of claim 4, wherein said bottom cinch strap comprises a hook and loop fastener.
6. (original) The umbrella mount of claim 1, further comprising a means for preventing slippage of said tube.
7. (original) The umbrella mount of claim 6, wherein said means for preventing slippage of said tube is located on said outer surface of said tube and is selected from the group consisting of: one or more foam collars, one or more sponge collars, one or more rubber collars, a non-slip coating, a textured surface, and a sticky coating.
8. (original) The umbrella mount of claim 7, wherein said means for preventing slippage of said tube is positioned between said tube and the support shaft.

9. (original) The umbrella mount of claim 7, wherein said means for preventing slippage of said tube is positioned between said top binder and said tube and between said bottom binder and said tube.
10. (original) The umbrella mount of claim 1, wherein said tube is made of a material selected from the group consisting of polyvinyl chloride, plastic, metal, rubber, and a composite material.
11. (original) The umbrella mount of claim 1, wherein said tube has a length between about twelve inches and about thirteen inches.
12. (original) The umbrella mount of claim 1, wherein said tube has an inner diameter of about one inch.
13. (original) The umbrella mount of claim 1, wherein said support member is selected from the group consisting of: one or more protrusions in said cylindrical cavity of said tube, a cap, a roll pin, and a machine screw threaded through a machine screw hole in said tube.
14. (original) The umbrella mount of claim 1, wherein said securing member comprises a thumb screw threaded through a thumb screw hole in said tube.

15. (currently amended) An umbrella mount adapted to hold an umbrella shaft and to be detachably mounted to a support shaft, the umbrella mount comprising:

a tubular means for receiving an umbrella shaft whereby a bottom portion of the umbrella shaft can be removably inserted into said tubular means, and wherein said tubular means has a top end, a substantially unobstructed cylindrical outer surface, and a bottom end;

a top means for binding said tubular means to the support shaft, wherein said top means is attached to said tubular means near said top end;

a bottom means for binding said tubular means to the support shaft, wherein said bottom means is attached to said tubular means near said bottom end;

a means for supporting the umbrella shaft inside said tubular means whereby the bottom portion of the umbrella shaft does not slide out said bottom end of said tubular means; and

a means for adjustably securing the umbrella shaft inside said tubular means whereby the bottom portion of the umbrella shaft does not slide out said top end of said tubular means.

16. (original) The umbrella mount of claim 15, further comprising a means for preventing slippage of said tubular means.

17. (original) The umbrella mount of claim 16, wherein said means for preventing slippage of said tubular means is located on said outer surface of said tubular means and is selected from the group consisting of: one or more foam collars, one or more rubber collars, a non-slip coating, a textured surface, and a sticky coating.

18. (currently amended) A method for detachably securing an umbrella shaft to a support shaft, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) aligning an umbrella mount with the support shaft, the umbrella mount comprising:

a tube comprising a top end, ~~an~~ a substantially unobstructed cylindrical outer surface, an inner surface, and a bottom end, wherein said tube is defined by a length from said top end to said bottom end, an inner diameter, and an outer diameter, and wherein said tube defines a cylindrical cavity;

a top binder attached to said outer surface of said tube near said top end;

a bottom binder attached to said outer surface of said tube near said bottom end;

a support member positioned within said cylindrical cavity and adapted to obstruct a portion of said cylindrical cavity near said bottom end of said tube; and

a securing member positioned within said cylindrical cavity and adapted to adjustably obstruct a portion of said cylindrical cavity near said top binder;

- (b) detachably binding said umbrella mount to said support shaft using said top binder and said bottom binder;
- (c) depositing a bottom portion of the umbrella shaft into said top end of said tube such that the bottom portion of the umbrella shaft slides down into said tube and rests on top of said support member; and
- (d) adjusting said securing member such that the bottom portion of the umbrella shaft is held securely in place within said tube.